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In re patent application of

Applicant: Toru YAMADA

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, please consider the following remarks. This Reply is timely in view of the Petition, submitted herewith, extending the time to respond by one-month.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed August 12, 2002 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-19 are pending for consideration.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,289,293 to Kato et al. (hereafter "Kato"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.